

Durham Environmental Affairs Board

Meeting Notes

October 26, 1999

Chairman, Joseph Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Members in attendance were Jerad Bales, Jim Conner, Ed Harrison, Steve Hiltner, Marion Johnson-Thompson, David Kirkpatrick and Brian Morton. Commissioner Ellen Reckhow came as visitor. Staff in attendance were Sue Burke, Chuck Hill, Nancy Newell, and Alex Waddell.

Urban Growth Boundary: A discussion concerning the proposed changes to the Urban Growth Boundary continued from the last meeting. EAB members continued to express their concern that this will promote urban sprawl rather than the compact neighborhoods suggested by the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. City Council will hold a public hearing for this matter November 15, 1999. David Kirkpatrick made a motion to adopt Brian Morton's resolution to oppose expansion of the UGA, and any study areas, and support for the contraction in the UGA. The motion was seconded by Jerad Bales with minor changes to be made by David Kirkpatrick and Jerad Bales. The letter will be emailed to all members for their approval before being distributed.

Travel Demand Management: The County Attorney suggest crucial issues need to be addressed before proceeding. (1) Apply TDM to new residential and non-residential development with size to be determined. (2) Apply TDM to existing non-residential development with size to be determined. (3)Public sector strategies. Brian handed out his synopsis of the Pima County Travel Reduction Program for discussion. To motivate employers he suggested (1) Award recognition as an incentive handled through public information. (2) Employer is required to provide more resources if they are not meeting the goals. (3) Trip reduction credits for the over achievers are sold to those not meeting the goals. There is a concern that alternate modes of travel associated with trip reduction measures may not improve air quality. Ellen Reckhow said what is needed from EAB is background on existing air quality and a strong viable trip reduction program by January 2000.

Adequate Public Facilities: The Joint City County Planning Commission has created a task force to explore the issue of Adequate Public Facilities and request a EAB representative. Ed Harrison was appointed to serve on the committee. The first meeting will be November 10, 1999.

Sandy Creek Park Site: There is concern about the City of Durham entering into a lease agreement with AT&T PCS for a telecommunications tower at the Sandy Creek Park site. Joe Jackson will get more information for EAB from Dale McKeel on this matter.

Next Meeting: Trip Reduction Measures and AT&T PCS Tower at Sandy Creek.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Prepared by Alex Waddell, October 27, 1999